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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 9,210,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
TOKIO. KOBÉ.
NAGASAKI. LONDON.
LYONS. NEW YORK.
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.
SOMERSET. SHANGHAI.
TIENTSIN. NEWCHANG.
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
PARIS BANK, LD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND
SMITHS BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent.
On Deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [10]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$16,000,000
Sterling Reserve \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve \$6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent.
On Deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [13]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [14]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000
Paid up Capital \$324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., J. Scott Harston, Esq.,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq., J. Lauts, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %
Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [15]

THE DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tael 5,000,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Hankow, Tientsin, Calcutta, Tsingtau (Kiautschow).

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [16]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Night.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1903.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK (AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1864.
PAID UP CAPITAL U.S. Gold \$2,000,000
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$5,180,000

Gold \$7,180,000

Head Office—NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:
33 and 35, Lombard Street, E.C.
F. C. Bishop, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS:
PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, DES VIGUE ROAD.

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 1/2 " " "
" 12 " 4 " " "

E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [16]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE—NEW YORK.

FISCAL AGENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Capital paid in, Gold \$4,000,000, 820,000
Surplus (Reserve) Gold \$4,000,000, 820,000
Total Gold \$8,000,000, 1,640,000
Capital and Surplus authorized, Gold \$10,000,000, 2,055,000.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED.

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

The Corporation buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit and carries on every description of Banking and Exchange business. Money received on Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances, and on Fixed Deposit as follows:
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 3 " 3 1/2 " " "

HONGKONG BRANCH:
CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1903. [100]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Tael.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:
CANTON. PENANG.
CHEFOO. SINGAPORE.
HANKOW. TIENTSIN.
PEKING.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3 1/2 per cent. per annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 " " " " " "
5 " " " " " " "
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1903. [12]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £725,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 1/2 " " "
" 3 " 3 " " "
T. P. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [11]

Ships.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL ON REMARKS.

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY About 16th October } Freight only.
(Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers) } W. H. S. Hall

LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES About 17th October } Freight and Passage.
BORNEO G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1903. [14]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.

SEYDLITZ WEDNESDAY, 14th October

ROON WEDNESDAY, 28th October

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 11th November

HAMBURG WEDNESDAY, 25th November

PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY, 9th December

KONIG ALBERT WEDNESDAY, 23rd December

KIAUTSCHOU WEDNESDAY, 6th January, 1904

SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1904

BAYERN WEDNESDAY, 3rd February, 1904

GERA WEDNESDAY, 17th February, 1904

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, 1904

ROON WEDNESDAY, 16th March, 1904

HAMBURG WEDNESDAY, 30th March, 1904

PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY, 13th April, 1904

Stations of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of October, 1903, at Noon, the Steamship "SEYDLITZ," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain C. Dewers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 12th instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 13th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 13th instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50. The Steamer has splendid Accommodations and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS. [563c]

Hongkong, 5th October, 1903.

Intimations.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL OFFER for ONE MONTH only of our Surplus Stock of Suitings at the following Exceptional Prices.

FLANNEL LOUNGESUITS \$20-\$25
TWEED AND CASHMERE SUITS \$30 -
BLUE SERGE SAC SUITS \$40-\$45
WORSTED AND ANOLA SUITS \$40-\$45
BLACK TWILL DRES SUITS \$55 -

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1903. [732c]

THOMAS HOTEL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, comfortably fitted, and most centrally situated, being in close proximity to the Banks and principal business places.

SPECIALLY REDUCED SUMMER RATES.

For Particulars apply to

THE MANAGER.

MACAO HOTEL.

(Late HING HONG HOTEL.)

This FAVOURITE and LONG ESTABLISHED Hotel is situated on the SEA-FRONT commanding a MAGNIFICENT VIEW of Harbour and adjacent islands, and is open to the COOL SOUTHERLY BREEZES in Summer.

The BED-ROOMS are LARGE, COOL, WELL-VENTILATED and HANDSOMELY FURNISHED. The CUISINE EXCELLENT and under direct EUROPEAN supervision.

PIC-NIC, SHOOTING or BOATING is specially catered for. A commodious and comfortable stern-wheel HOUSE-BOAT, with accommodation for six passengers and EVERY CONVENIENCE, is provided for the use of visitors AT REASONABLE RATES.

A MILITARY BAND PLAYS in the Garden to the Hotel, three times a week.

SEA BATH.

STEAMERS to and from Macao, every MONDAY and AFTERNOON.

WM. FARMER, Proprietor and Manager.

Intimations.

"I hear they want more"



Bovril—the food-beverage.

BOVRIL is food and drink combined. It is not only a delightful beverage, but a valuable nourisher and energiser as well.

Cooks find that BOVRIL doubles the value of soups, gravies, hashes, made dishes, &c.

JAPAN COALS.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE:—1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.
LONDON BRANCH:—34, LIME STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG BRANCH:—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER OFFICES:
New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy, Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Malacca, Kure, Shimonoeki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Karatsu, Nagasaki, Kuohinotsu, Sasebo, Miike, Hakodate, Taipei, &c.

Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.O. and A.I. Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armaments and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE AGENTS for Fujinotani, Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Mameda, Mannoura, Onoura, Otsuji, Susahara, Tsubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yunkibara and other Coals.

N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

H. PRICE & CO.

WINE MERCHANTS,

12 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Picnic parties furnished with wines, etc., at a moment's notice.

Contracts made on special terms with Caterers, Committees, Messes and Captains of Steamers. All Wines, Spirits and Beers supplied are guaranteed.

Price list on application. TELEPHONE No. 135.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1903. [952c]

"MOUNT VERNON" PURE RYE WHISKY.

BOTTLED AT THE DISTILLERY AND PURITY GUARANTEED BY THE HANNIS DISTILLING COMPANY.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG, CHINA AND THE STRAITS.

15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 1st October, 1903. [22]

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

(ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.)

CODE ADDRESS: "YOSEMITE."

35 BEDROOMS EXCELLENTLY FURNISHED. BATH TO EACH ROOM. DINING ROOM AND CUISINE UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION.

EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN WINES, SPIRITS AND BEERS.

POOL AND BILLIARDS.

ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND MANILA NEWSPAPERS IN FILE.

TERMS—\$4.00 to \$7.00 per day. \$75 to \$120 per month.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1903. JAS. D. M. CAMERON, Manager. [1555c]

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE

31, 32, 40 and 41, NORTH SOOCHOW ROAD—SHANGHAI.

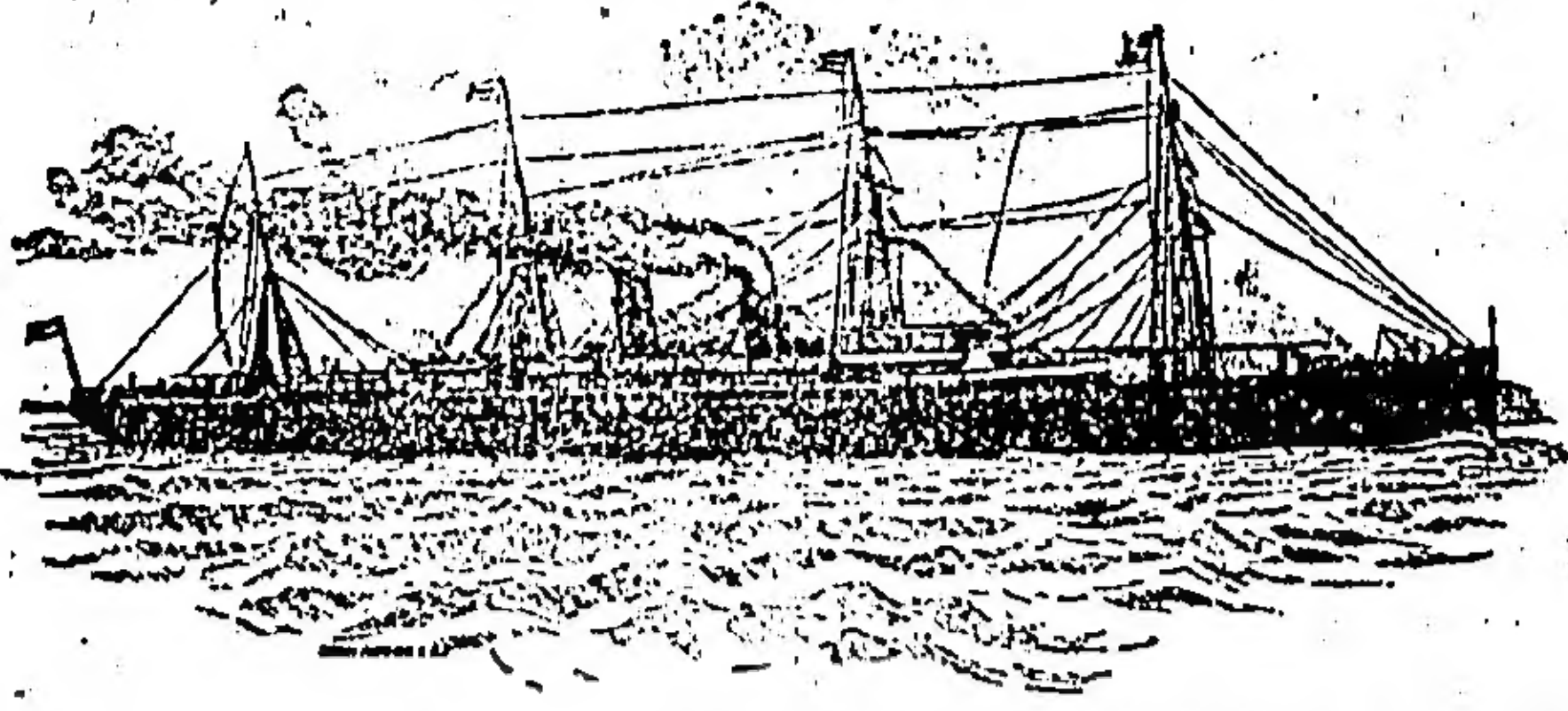
PLEASANT AND CENTRAL SITUATION, FACING SOUTH.

THIS HIGH-CLASS BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT has Well-furnished Rooms by the Day or Month.

Telegraphic Address: "MARLBOROUGH." Telephone: No. 180.

Shanghai, 6th June, 1903. M. NAZER. [174c]

U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TRADING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.		
"KOREA".....	11,276 Gross Tons.....	TUESDAY, 13th October, at Noon.
"GAELIC".....	4,205 ".....	TUESDAY, 20th October, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU".....	6,337 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 28th October, at Noon.
"CHINA".....	5,750 ".....	FRIDAY, 6th November, at Noon.
"DIPLO".....	4,784 ".....	SATURDAY, 14th November, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU".....	6,337 ".....	TUESDAY, 24th November, at Noon.
"SIBERIA".....	11,254 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 2nd December, at Noon.
"UPPER".....	4,352 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 9th December, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU".....	6,337 ".....	FRIDAY, 18th December, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1903; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Company's Steamship "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 13th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY, also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. The value of each merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. STUART THOMSON, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMPIRE" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPIRE OF CHINA".....	6,000 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 21st October.
"ATHENIAN".....	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 4th November.
"EMPIRE OF INDIA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 18th November.
"EMPIRE OF JAPAN".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"EMPIRE OF CHINA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1904.
"ATHENIAN".....	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 27th January.
"EMPIRE OF INDIA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 10th February.
"EMPIRE OF JAPAN".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 24th February.
"ATHENIAN".....	4,415 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 9th March.
"EMPIRE OF CHINA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 30th March.
"EMPIRE OF INDIA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
"ATHENIAN".....	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
"EMPIRE OF JAPAN".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

THE magnificent "EMPIRE" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER B.C. in 12 DAYS, "ATHENIAN" and "EMPIRE" 14 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at VANCOUVER with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates; Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Padder's Street.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1903.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
BRISGAVIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	20th October.	Freight.
SAXONIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	3rd Nov.	Freight.
BECHER.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	17th Nov.	Freight.
MARBURG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	1st Dec.	Freight.
SURVIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM".....	2,365 tons.....	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN".....	2,365 ".....	" G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATHAN".....	2,365 ".....	" A. A. Dixon.
"HANKOW".....	3,073 ".....	" C. W. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN".....	2,860 ".....	" J. S. Lloyd.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at 7 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at about 6 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily (Sunday excepted) at about 8 A.M., 2 P.M. and 5.30 P.M.

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN".....1,998 tons.....Captain W. E. Clarke.

Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at 2 P.M. Sunday

Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 A.M. excepted.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN".....2,19 tons.....Captain T. Hamlin.

This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "NANNING".....569 tons.....Captain R. D. Thomas.

"SAINAM".....588 "....." B. Branch.

"TAK HING".....518 "....." T. A. Webster.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,

18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.

Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD

Hongkong, 30th September, 1903.

Intimations.

PORTRAITS, GROUPS, ENLARGING, AND
COPYING IN ALL SIZES.

AMATEUR WORK GIVEN SPECIAL
ATTENTION.

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Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of
the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (NOON), on
THURSDAY, the 22nd October.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd
October, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Limited.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1903. [1173c]

NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO.,
LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
31st day of October, 1903, at NOON, when the
SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed, viz:—

1. "That the Capital of the Company
be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided
into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to
\$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares
of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000
new shares of \$10 each to be offered and
if accepted to be allotted to the present
shareholders of the Company at par in
"the ratio and proportion of one new
share for every two old shares in the
Company held by the respective share-
holders thereof, the amount payable on
each of such new shares respectively to
be paid at such time or times and in such
manner as the Company, by its General
Managers may hereafter determine."

2. "That Article No. 82 of the Articles
of Association of the Company be can-
celled and the following Article sub-
stituted therefor:—
"The remuneration of the General
Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum
(which shall cover office rent but
not salaries of Secretary and other
employees) and a commission of 5
per cent. of the net profits of the
Company for each year, that such
profits amount to 7 per cent. of the
Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed,
they will be submitted for confirmation as
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING which will be subsequently convened.
Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that GUANFACICE
will be carried out from "Yamun" on the 10th
of October, 1903, a moving target to be
towed along the East side of Junk Bay (Chung
Kwang O) just to the North of Junk Island
(Futau Chau).

Practice will commence at about 8 A.M.
and end at about 4 P.M. if the range is clear.

By Command,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th September, 1903. [1212c]

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1903. [146]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of \$12 per Share for the
year 1902, equivalent to 32% on the Paid-
up Capital of \$100 per Share, has been declared.
WARRANTS will be issued on the 9th
October.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th October, 1903. [1227c]

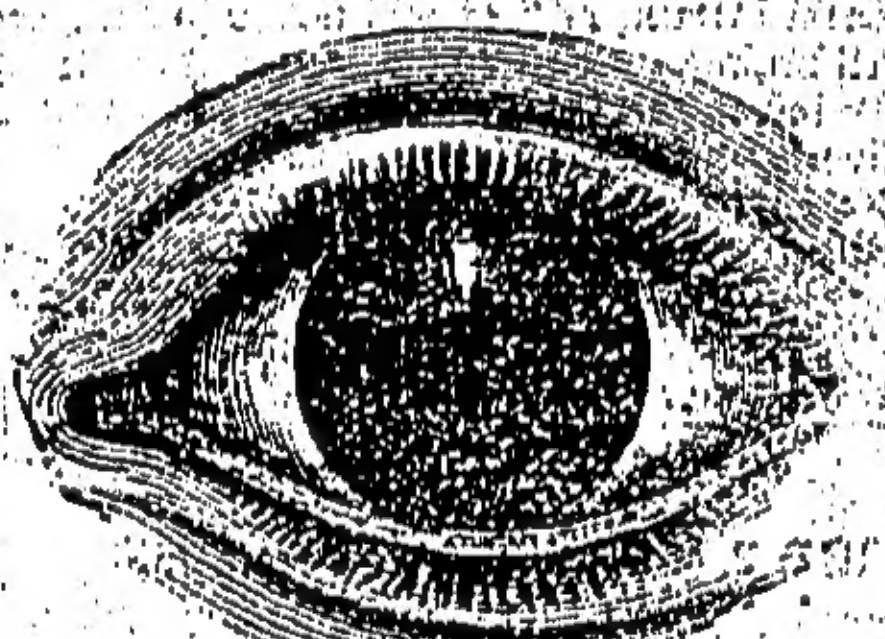
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TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.

A. T. Code.
Lieber's Standard Code.
TELEPHONE, 232.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1903.

THE CHINESE AND FRENCH INDU-CHINA.

In a recent article we made mention of the semi-official announcement which was being circulated in the French metropolis with regard to the nomination of M. Pierre Baudin to the Governor-Generalship of French Indo-China. Whatever reasons the authorities in Paris may possess for the recall of M. Beau, the able statesman who now occupies this important post, it is certain that a want of frank outspoken opinion concerning the several causes hampering the progress of the colony cannot be included among the defects he is reproached with.

In a recent speech, made in Saigon, concerning the general tenor of which we published, but lately, an editorial, M. Beau dealt, with admirable candour, on the past errors and existing defects, which have so often compromised and are still retarding the commercial and agricultural advance of French Indo-China, telling his hearers that among the problems to be treated he considered that the question of insufficiency of skilled labour in the colony was as urgent and important as that of irrigation. It may come as a surprise to many, who are acquainted with the overcrowded districts in the Delta provinces of Cochin-China and Tonkin, that any such difficulty should present itself in the colony and, apart from this, the proximity of some of the most densely populated provinces of Southern China is a complaint. There nevertheless exists a real want of skilled labour in the country which is daily becoming of vital interest to its prosperity. This state of affairs has its origin in the real distaste shown by the natives to leave their villages or to settle away from districts with which their ancestors have been associated for centuries past, and where their means of existence are assured, though modest. Also, since the occupation of the country by the French, every possible means of discouraging Chinese immigration have been the order of the day, so that very few Celestials have cared to risk themselves in a country where the narrow-minded prejudice of the ruling race is so blatantly unfavourable to them. One need not seek far afield to discover whence springs this spirit of exclusiveness, so unworthy of a nation which since 1789 has declared itself the champion of human liberties, since for years past the majority of the local press has published complaints from the French merchants concerning what they term, the unfair competition of the Chinese tradesmen; which simply means that these thrifty dealers content themselves with smaller profits. To add weight to their argument these anti-celestial champions state that the Chinaman sends home his profits so that the country he has settled in reaps no reward therefrom. It would be difficult to imagine anything more absurd than this ridiculous misstatement, which goes far to prove the ignorant prejudice of such as make use of it as an argument; and, in this respect, M. Beau is courageous enough to give an absolute denial to his compatriots, for he states:—

"As to the question of the exodus of Chinese capital, one has but to pay a short visit to the town of Cholon, where he can esteem, at their proper value, the absurd accusations brought against this laborious race. In this city it is self-evident that the most important industry of the colony, the rice-trade, is almost entirely in the hands of the Celestial merchants, and it would be absurd to deny that all their efforts and capital are being employed to increase that branch of our trade." The Governor-General might have added that the recent augmentation of household property in the hands of Chinese landlords, in Haiphong and Hanoi, was another sure proof of what became of other Celestial commercial profits, and he might have advised his compatriots to take a lesson from Singapore and Hongkong, from whose inhabitants much could be learnt concerning what has been done, toward the prosperity of these colonies, by grateful and intelligent Chinamen working under the protection of a

just and liberal Government. M. Beau enlarged on the difficulties which had been placed in the way of Chinese of the coolie class, and he pointed out that the exaggerated taxation to which these labourers were submitted was unjust in the extreme. It is a matter of some satisfaction to us to note that, in dealing with this question, the Governor made use of similar arguments to those which found a place in an article, which was published in our columns, as far back as in January last, and which tend to prove that these unfortunate labourers, who earn a maximum of \$15 a month are obliged to pay taxes amounting to from \$14 to \$17 a year. Whether or not the wise advice of M. Beau will have any future effects on the colony's attitude towards imported labour it is difficult to state, since much will depend on the point of view from which his successor will regard the question, but he is to be cordially congratulated on the courageous outspoken manner in which he has advocated a more liberal and just policy towards the Chinese in France's Far Eastern possessions.

It was hoped that yesterday's English mail would have brought some further particulars concerning the career of Sir Matthew Nathan who has been appointed to succeed Sir Henry Blake in the governorship of Hongkong. Our London exchanges, however, contain little to add to our present knowledge of the new Governor. The following clipping from the *Pall Mall Gazette* will be read with interest by the community in general and the Jewish section in particular, who form a not inconsiderable proportion, in point of number, and by no means the least important residents of Hongkong:—"Congratulations upon Sir Matthew Nathan's promotion will be mingled with a very general feeling of regret in West African circles. Sir Matthew's work as Governor of the Gold Coast and Ashanti has been admirable. In fact, the colony has rarely had a more hard-working or capable head, and it is the excellence of his work which has led to his transference to Hongkong. It was after the stirring events of the siege and relief of Kumasi that Major Nathan was appointed to the Gold Coast, and during his three years' tenure of the government he has found time to visit the most distant parts of the Northern Territories, and succeeded in winning the respect, if not the confidence, of the Ashanti tribes."

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. Gaston Liebert, having arrived in the Colony, has been recognised by H. E. the Governor as Consul for France.

THE Maharajah of Lapurhala and the Maharani were entertained at dinner by Mr. Harcourt, Chief of M. Beau's Cabinet, at Saigon on the 1st inst.

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THE French call of the 8th sept. was delivered in London on the 8th inst.

Do your own developing without a dark room by using an Eastman developing machine. LeMunyon, *Adv.*

ACCORDING to the *Japan Times*, there are reports that the China Commercial Steamship Co. is giving up its Hongkong-San Francisco line.

A REPORT received by the Japanese authorities from the Consul at Seoul, Mr. Mimasu, says that rinderpest prevails in the neighbourhood of the Korean capital.

It is stated that Mr. G. L. Vossop will cease to captain Gloucestershire after this season as he finds it impossible to lead a team and give the necessary attention to business.

THE *Konin-ji-ji-pao* states that the Empress would like to execute Marshal Su at once, but desiring to "save the face" of the French Minister at Peking no decree to that effect will be published for some weeks.

THE death is announced of Lord Kuga, who had served the Imperial family under four reigns, and at one time was Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal. He was the father of Marquis Kuga, and was in his 89th year.

THE local press in French Indo-China is conducting a violent campaign against the Postmaster General in that colony, and it declares that the postal and telegraph service there is proving itself a complete failure.

Fresh Kodak film, plenty of them, at LeMunyon's, 31, Des Vaux Road. *Adv.*

MR. Almond N. Gray, of San Francisco, is at present looking over the ground in the Philippines and studying the possibilities for coal mining in the islands in the interest of the large capitalists who are behind him.

THE Kawasaki Shipbuilding Company at Kobe is at present constructing four torpedo boats for the Japanese Navy, and two steamers, one for the Commercial Navigation School at Yatsushima and the other for the Korean Government.

"THE most obstreperous beast of burden in the world is probably the Hongkong ricksha coolie, who is famous all over the Far East for his feebleness and rapacity towards his victims." Thus the *Shanghai Times* introduces a short account of the recent strike of ricksha coolies in this Colony.

THE steamer *Pembroke*, which has been purchased by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, is expected to reach Japan about the end of this month, and, as soon as certain necessary alterations have been made, will be employed Moji to Hongkong and Singapore.

THE French are said to have claimed damages sustained by them on account of the interruption of the work on their railway in Yunnan, due to the late disturbance of the miners, at the rate of \$6,000 per day. Negotiations have been progressing between the French Consul and the Viceroy and Governor of Yunnan.

WAN NAI-CHUE, one of the Imperial censors, has written to the Empress requesting that the new Ministry of Commerce should be suppressed, on the plea that it is useless and that the functionaries attached to the same think more of seeking after their own profits than protecting the Chinese merchants.

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the auditor's report of the condition of the Philippine treasury to the Secretary of Finance and Justice, a comfortable balance of \$4,297,173 shown to the credit of the government. The revenues during the past month have reached the customs, postal department, internal revenue, the City of Manila and miscellaneous cash balance at the end of last month was \$2,826,332.

PROGRAMME of Music to be performed by the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry on the New Race Ground on Monday next, the 12th inst., 4.30 to 6 p.m.

March: "The Urban Call".....Ellenberg
Overture: "Zampa".....Herold
Selection: "The Dells of New York".....Kerker
Selection: "Love in Idleness".....Macbeth
Selection: "A Chinese Honeymoon".....Talbot
Valse: "A Greek Slave".....Slidery Jones
Glee: "Save the King".....

An approximate estimate of the expenditure of the Formosan Government for the next fiscal year has been reported to the Home Department. The total amount asked for is believed to be \$3,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 compared with the sum required for the previous year. New works proposed for next year are the construction of railways, which will require about \$1,000,000, the reconstruction of the harbour works, requiring \$500,000, and the investigation of lands, requiring \$500,000.

During the month of September 16,535 inches of rain were recorded at the Hongkong Observatory. There were 165.7 hours of sunshine.

THE German gunboat *Illus* arrived from Foochow this morning.

Li Mun, second apothecary's assistant, has been appointed a public vaccinator.

Mr. W. Armstrong was elected a member of the Church Body vice Commander R. M. Rumsey, late R.N., I.S.O., resigned.

Mr. James S. Fearon, of Shanghai, has been elected a director and vice-president of the International Banking Corporation.

One more chance to buy a Kodak for \$5; a good Kodak. LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road—*Adv.*

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AS we mentioned some months since Messrs. Bailey & Co., of Hongkong, have been engaged upon four iron barges for Messrs. Markwald & Co., of Bangkok. Two of the craft have already left, and yesterday morning Messrs. Bailey launched from their yard at Kowloon Bay the third ship—a vessel capable of carrying 500 tons dead weight.

QUARANTINE restrictions are still in force against Manila, Amoy, Shanghai and Newchwang, while sanitary measures are adopted against arrivals from this port at Manila, Netherlands India, Rangoon, Siam, Indo-China, Labuan and North-Borneo. Since the last notification appeared Saigon has withdrawn the quarantine against Hongkong.

THE *New York Herald* has published details of a peculiar fever which is now raging in Cuba and is said to be far deadlier than yellow fever. The Governments of Cuba and the United States have ordered medical experts to make investigations into the causes, etc. It is said that the pulse of the victim reaches as high a point as 167 with respiration at 58. Soon after death the body turns yellow. No statistics have yet been secured of the number of deaths from the disease.

At the offices of the Public Works Department on 26th inst. Inland Lot No. 1,794 situated in Robinson Road and comprising an area of 14,914 square feet will be put up for sale by public auction. The annual rent is \$102, and the upset price \$4,477. Before the expiration of twenty-four calendar months the purchaser has to build and finish fit for occupation one or more permanent messuages or tenement, expending thereon a sum of not less than \$10,000 in rateable improvements.

THE following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th September, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks, are published in the *Government Gazette*:

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	\$3,320,435	\$1,850,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	11,673,832	7,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,.....	445,630	150,000
Total,.....	\$15,439,897	\$9,000,000

THE *Kobe Chronicle* quotes the following telegram from Tacoma, dated the 28th of August:—It is conceded by shipping men that the number of sailing ships that will be chartered to carry this season's wheat crop will be much smaller than in recent years. This is due principally to the fact that Alfred Holt, operating with the largest grain companies in the State to carry the major part of the grain which will be shipped from Puget Sound during the coming season. The Blue Funnel line is operated between the Sound and Liverpool via Oriental ports and by having an established line of steamers and being able to carry other freight besides wheat, Holt was able to offer a more favourable price and give better service than the sailing ships. The result has been to leave unchartered wheat vessels on the Sound. Among the ships now disengaged are the British barques *Dunlop* and *Chiltonford*, the British ship *Kiurao*, the British steamer *Yaddo*, and the Russian barque *Urmia*. Several large tugs thus find business poor, and one, the *Tyde*, has already gone out of commission.

ACCORDING to the *S. F. Chronicle* Mr. W. H. Avery, general agent of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha in San Francisco, stated upon his return from the Orient that one of the objects of his trip was to examine the Hamburg-American steamships *Hamburg* and *Kiutchen*, which the Toyo Kisen Kaisha contemplated purchasing for the line connecting the Pacific coast port with the Orient. He looked over the vessels in the Orient, and, while finding them palatial and in many respects faultless, they were found to be unsuited to the Pacific trade, principally owing to their high superstructure. So the Japanese stockholders, who had depended to a great extent upon Mr. Avery's opinion, have decided not to purchase the vessels. It is understood that plans and specifications for two or more steamers for the San Francisco route have been approved by the Toyo Kisen, but no contracts for their construction have been awarded. The steamers will, however, be built in Japan, probably at Nagasaki, and will be of about 11,500 tons capacity, with a speed of nineteen knots an hour and thoroughly up to date in all their equipment. The Japanese stockholders in the company are, from all accounts, quite satisfied with the showing made by their three liners on the San Francisco route, and intend to improve their opportunities in every way possible.

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DESECRATION OF A GRAVE.
AT HAPPY VALLEY.

On Wednesday afternoon a Japanese child was buried at Happy Valley, and early on Thursday morning while gardeners were attending to their duties they found that the grave had been opened, the coffin taken up and the body thrown out while the linen was strewn around. The matter was at once reported to the police and sanitary authorities and Insp. Collett, of No. 2 Police station, took the matter in hand. Robbery is suggested as a motive for the crime as it is well known that jewelry is frequently buried with the deceased.

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHINESE.

A notice appears in the vernacular press and the intimation was repeated in an "express" circulated this morning, inviting the members of the Chinese community to a meeting to be held at the Tung Wa Hospital to-morrow, for the purpose of considering whether, on the occasion of His Excellency's departure from the Colony, they should tender him a farewell banquet or let their appreciation of his administration of the Government of the Colony take the form of a presentation.

THE BEILIOS TERRACE OUTRAGE.

It will be pleasing to learn that an arrest has been made in connection with the recent dastardly robbery from Miss Bateman's house at Beilios Terrace. The amah who was in the room with Miss Bateman during her illness saw a man in the street whom she identified as one of the thieves. She gave information to the police with the result that the man was arrested, and was identified by both Miss Bateman and the amah at the Magistracy this morning. The man will be charged on Monday.

NIXITY OF EXCHANGE.

The latest official deliverance on the results of fixity in India was that of the Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, (now resigned), who, in laying the Indian Budget before the House of Commons a few weeks ago, drew the attractive picture of the "advantages being derived by India under the new system. He spoke as follows:—

Now let me say a word in connexion with currency. The finance of no Government can be satisfactory if it is associated with a discredited and depreciated currency. I claim for the Indian Government that the success of the currency policy recently adopted has enormously increased their whole financial system. Let me shortly recapitulate what it has done. The foundation of the change was the attempt to give to the rupee an external exchange value in gold of 15 s. 4d. That scheme has now been four years in operation. Taking the annual average external value of the rupee for purposes of exchange for the last four years, it only shows a variation of 3 per cent; while the exchange during the past year—that is, the years 1902-03—varied only 1.4 per cent. During the same period the fluctuation in the price of silver—which had previously governed the price of the rupee—was 14.7 per cent. The benefit thus conferred upon Indian merchants, exporters from and importers into India, is incalculable. It has given, in place of the slippery shifting value of the old silver rupee, the stable foundation of a gold standard upon which to frame their enterprises and calculations. Whilst the exchange value externally of the rupee has risen, and without difficulty been maintained practically at the rate of 15 s. 4d., internally prices have not been adversely affected. In fact, prices of commodities of general consumption have risen rather than fallen. By reducing the number of rupees to be remitted to this country to meet gold obligations, surplus has been secured during the past four years, and the present remission of taxation is mainly due to the success of our currency. Neither has any difficulty occurred of obtaining and retaining in our treasuries the gold necessary for exchange of notes or rupees coined in silver. Sir Edward Law reports that gold coins, though demanded by bankers chiefly for remittance purposes, are little used in local circulation. We have in the currency reserve about 20,000,000, and in the gold reserve in this country about 24,000,000, invested in gold security. I saw that in the debate in the Legislative Council of the Viceroy it was said by some native gentleman that the rise in the external value of the rupee had increased taxation internally by the amount of the difference between the external value of the rupee when the mints were closed, and its present quotation. I think only a moment's consideration is necessary to upset that contention. If a rise in the exchange value of the rupee means an increase in internal taxation, then a fall in that exchange value would mean lightening of internal taxation. The exchange value of the rupee during the last 25 years has steadily fallen from 15 pence to 12 pence. Was taxation during that time diminished 50 per cent? Taxation was not so affected, and if a fall does not diminish taxation, then a rise in the exchange value does not make it.

SHIPPING AND MAILES.

MAILES DUE.

Australian (*Titan*) to-morrow
Indian (*Lightning*) 12th inst.
Canadian (*Albatross*) 15th inst.
German (*Seydlitz*) 15th inst.
German (*Prinzess*) 15th inst.
American (*Hongkong Mail*) 16th inst.
Indian (*Kumang*) 20th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 26th inst.

The C. & M. Co.'s *Rubi* left Manila to-day, at 10 a.m., and is due here on Monday, at 1 p.m.

The C. & M. Co.'s *Clavering* from Moji on the afternoon of 11th inst., and is due here on afternoon of 14th inst.

The India Line Co.'s *Indra* from New York arrived at Manila, and may be expected here on 16th inst.

The Imperial German Mail, *Seydlitz* left Shanghai to-day, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on Monday evening.

The Imperial German Mail, *Prinzess*, carrying the German Mail, with dates from Berlin of the 15th inst., left Singapore, on Friday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on 14th inst., at 1 a.m.

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